

# Critical Thinking

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**Awarding Body:** Students follow the OCR Critical Thinking Advanced Subsidiary Course.

## Course Content and Examination Requirements

Critical Thinking is a skills-based rather than content-based AS Level. It develops the ability to interpret, analyse and evaluate ideas and arguments and can support thinking skills in all subject areas from arts and humanities to sciences. Good English skills are required. Two units are taken in the course of the year and there is no coursework.

Year 12
<b>AS Level Units</b>
Two units are taken in Year 12: Unit 1 in January, Unit 2 in June.
<b>Unit 1 – Introduction to Critical Thinking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The language of reasoning</li><li>• Credibility</li></ul> 1½ hr Exam 50% marks
<b>Unit 2 – Assessing and Developing Argument</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysis of argument</li><li>• Evaluating arguments</li><li>• Developing one's own reasoned arguments</li></ul> 1½ hr Exam 50% marks

Critical Thinking is taught as an enrichment activity on Wednesday afternoons.

## Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

Critical Thinking is unique in that it explicitly focuses on the processes involved in being rational. As such, it is excellent preparation for students wishing to progress into Higher Education and is well thought of by universities.

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